THE HAUNTING LEGACY OF THE GOOD SERVANT ORPHANAGE

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I'd like to share a case with you from deep within our files. On July 13, 2013, at about 8 PM, our team had arrived at the Vallejo, California, but this was no ordinary investigation. The home in question was built on the grounds of what was once The Good Servant Orphanage — a place with a dark and horrifying history.

Known by some as "The Good Serpent Orphanage," this institution was infamous for the atrocities committed against mentally disabled children. The stories surrounding it were enough to send chills down anyone's spine: lobotomies, injections of air into children's spines, physical abuse, waterboarding, and so many other horrors. Many children were reported "missing," their fates unknown, as if they had simply vanished into thin air.

The orphanage was eventually torn down, but its dark legacy lingered, and the land was later developed into residential homes. The new homeowners soon discovered that their properties were haunted, plagued by poltergeist activity, apparitions, and unexplained phenomena.

The investigation included myself and team HPI team members Jon Rubsam, Tuesday Rubsam, Alaceo "Big Al" Rosatano, Capone Bender, Ivy Rubsam, Marissa Selby, Stamatoula "Toula" Horiates, Rebecca Lorenzana, Arianna Mejia, Jennifer White, Nicole Cornelius, Carolann Castro, Teri Villarreal, Dawn Perron, Deanna Bailey, Larry Baty, Donna Anderson, Shari Aresta, Kara Koyasako, Jon Koyasako, Lisa Gottschalk, Wendy Maxam, and Louise Cordova. Together, we formed an army of investigators ready to uncover the truth behind the hauntings.

The property was divided into three main areas for investigation: the backyard and outside perimeters, the first floor, and the second floor. We arrived equipped with cameras, audio recorders, K-II meters, and other paranormal detection tools. As we began our work, the atmosphere was tense, with the weight of the orphanage's history hanging over us.

First Investigative Evidence Briefing

The initial findings were both intriguing and unsettling. Numerous orbs were captured in photographs, though orbs are often inconclusive as they can be caused by dust, skin flakes, or light refractions. However, if an orb exhibits "intelligent movement," it can be considered paranormal.

We had a big team of investigators for an emotional investigation.

The psychics on our team sensed negative energy lingering from the previous owners, as well as possible energy attachments to the furniture. Several Class B EVPs were recorded, including breath sounds, strange squeaking noises, and what sounded like a child moaning.

Rebecca captured an EVP of a child humming, though the sound was garbled and difficult to decipher. Big Al recorded a Class A EVP that clearly said, "Oh yeah." Some investigators reported hearing moans and the word "yeah"

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with their own ears. Rebecca also captured what appeared to be a full-body apparition near the basement doorway, though further analysis was needed to confirm its authenticity.

Second Investigative Evidence Briefing

The potential full-body apparition captured by Rebecca required closer examination. The image showed a white outline of what appeared to be a man. Jay Jay, the current occupant of the home, claimed to recognize the figure, adding a personal and eerie dimension to the discovery.

While some of the EVPs remained questionable, the Class A EVP captured by Big Al was undeniable. Our team also recorded additional EVPs that needed further analysis. It's worth noting that EVPs can sometimes be residual, meaning they may not indicate an active presence but rather a replay of past events. From my perspective, the home seemed to be haunted by residual energy rather than active spirits. We also noted some K-II hits and sensor light activations, though these were inconclusive and could have been caused by natural factors.

As the investigation progressed, Wendy uncovered historical information that added another layer of mystery to the case. She discovered that The Good Servant Orphanage had been endorsed by the Bohemian Grove and the Knights Templar. Members of the Bohemian Grove attended the orphanage's opening ceremony, referring to it as "Hope on the Hill."

The Bohemian Grove is known for its peculiar rituals, including a human effigy being burned in front of a large stone owl statue to cast out life's worries. However, rumors have long circulated that human sacrifices were once part of their ceremonies. This raised a chilling question: Could the missing children from The Good Servant Orphanage have been victims of such rituals? After all, they were orphans — children with no one to miss them or demand answers.

The Vallejo city government's refusal to acknowledge the existence of The Good Servant Orphanage only deepened the mystery. Despite evidence confirming its presence, officials claimed it never existed. Why would they go to such lengths to erase it from history? What were they trying to hide? These questions lingered in the minds of our investigators as we packed up our equipment and prepared to analyze the evidence.

The Unanswered Questions

The investigation left more questions than answers. Was the haunting a result of the orphanage's dark past, or was it tied to the negative energy of previous homeowners? Could the apparitions and EVPs be connected to the children who suffered and died within those walls? And what role, if any, did the Bohemian Grove and the Knights Templar play in the orphanage's history?

The Good Servant Orphanage remains a legend, its secrets buried beneath layers of time and denial. For our team, the investigation was a reminder of the importance of uncovering the truth, no matter how unsettling it may be.

Only time will tell if the riddle of The Good Servant Orphanage will ever be unraveled. Until then, the haunting legacy of this institution continues to cast a long shadow over the homes built on its grounds.◆